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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references identified below and on the attached PTO-1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-mentioned application for United States Patent. Copies of the documents are enclosed herewith. Applicants reserve the right to attempt to antedate any document that does not constitute a statutory bar.

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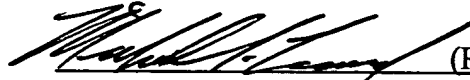
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Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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